

	<p align="center">NSAWA Tournament Hosting Policy</p>	<p align="center">Approved: January, 2024</p>	<p align="center">Up for review: May, 2026</p>
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PURPOSE

This policy outlines the procedures and policies for organizing and hosting amateur wrestling tournaments within Nova Scotia.

POLICY STATEMENT

To conduct an amateur wrestling tournament in Nova Scotia, organizers must adhere to the policies established by the Nova Scotia Amateur Wrestling Association (NSAWA), also known as Wrestling Nova Scotia (WNS). These policies include compliance with wrestling style, athlete-coach pairing, registration requirements, the distribution of tournament posters, and adherence to SafeSport Policies.

PROCEDURE

1. SUBMISSION OF HOSTING APPLICATION:

- a. Organizers seeking to host an amateur wrestling tournament in Nova Scotia must submit a hosting application outlining weight and age categories to the Vice President of NSAWA using the designated format.
- b. The application should comprehensively detail the proposed tournament, including wrestling style, date, time, location, intended participants, and other relevant information.
- c. Instructions on team and athlete registration procedures should be provided with the submission.
- d. The completed form should be directed to the Vice President who is responsible for tournament hosting approvals.

2. CONFIRMATION OF OFFICIALS:

- a. Before being granted approval for the tournament, organizers must confirm the availability of required officials with the Nova Scotia Amateur Wrestling Officials Association (NSAWOA).
- b. Coordination with NSAWOA will ensure the availability of qualified officials for the tournament.

3. ATHLETE-COACH PAIRING REQUIREMENT:

- a. No athlete may attend the tournament without a certified and registered coach.
- b. No athlete may wrestle without a certified and registered coach present in the corner.

4. TOURNAMENT PROMOTION

- a. The host must distribute tournament posters within Nova Scotia and, if required, outside the province, at least one month before the tournament date.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL

- a. The Vice President will review the submitted hosting applications within 10 days of receiving the application.
- b. In the event of no response received by the host from the Vice President within 10 days, the host should contact the President of NSAWA for a decision.

6. COMPLIANCE AND SAFETY

- a. The tournament must adhere strictly to all NSAWA SafeSport Policies during the event.

- b. Certified medical officials must be present on-site to ensure athlete safety.
- c. Males must wrestle males and females must wrestle females in accordance with the Diversity Policy for age categories U11 and above. Age categories U9 and U7, with the permission of the coaches and the host, can wrestle intergender.

DEFINITIONS

- a. **Tournaments** are defined as any club competition that hosts more than two registered clubs.
- b. **Dual Meets** are defined as any club competition between two registered clubs.
- c. Sanctioning rules apply to both tournaments and dual meets.

EXCEPTIONS

Any request for exemption from these policies must be thoroughly justified and will be subject to review by the President of NSAWA.

ENFORCEMENT

Failure to comply with this policy may result in the denial of hosting approval or additional review processes. Repeated violations may lead to further disciplinary actions as per the policies of NSAWA.

POLICY REVIEW

This policy will undergo a review every second year to ensure its alignment with the policies and objectives governing wrestling tournaments in Nova Scotia.